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[FD003-F] Edison, William L. (1893-1897)

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Description
This folder contains documents relating primarily to the education of William Leslie Edison (1878-1937) at Trinity Preparatory School, which he attended during the period 1894-1897. Most of the items are letters and reports from John M. Hawkins, headmaster of the school. The letters criticize William for his irresponsibility, bad temper, and carelessness with money. There is also discussion of plans for William to enter Yale University after graduation.

Additional letters by William L. Edison can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection and the David E. E. Sloane Collection Some of the letters in the CEF Collection, scanned from the microfilm, are now in the possession of the Thomas Edison National Historical Park.

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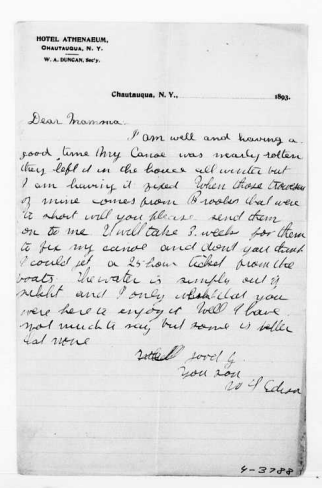
HOTEL ATHENAEUM,
CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.
W. A. DUNCAN, Sec'y.
Chautauqua, N. Y., 1893.
Dear Mamma
I am well and having a
good time Mrs Caesar was nearly rotten
they left it in the house all winter but
I am having it fixed When those trunks
of mine comes from Brooklyn that were
to short will you please send them
on to me I will take 3 weeks for them
to fix my canoe and about Jan think
I could get a 25 hour ticket from the
boats The water is simply out of
sight and I only wish that you
were here to enjoy it all I have
had much fun, but same is better
at home
With all love &
Your son
W A Edison
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[FD003AAA], Letter from William Leslie Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 1893

Title
[FD003AAA], Letter from William Leslie Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 1893

Editor's Notes
Supplied month

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Chautauqua Institution

Date
1893-08-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Ships, yachts, and other vessels

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CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.

W. A. DUNCAN, Sec'y.

Chautauqua, N. Y., 1893.

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With lots of love
Your son
Wm S Edson

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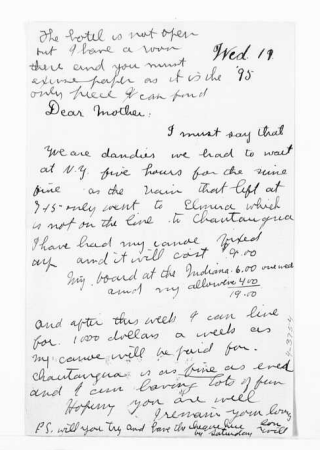

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[FD003AAB1], Letter from William Leslie Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 1895

Title
[FD003AAB1], Letter from William Leslie Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 1895

Editor's Notes
Supplied month

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Chautauqua Institution

Date
1895-07-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Ships, yachts, and other vessels

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The hotel is not open
but I have a room
there and you must
excuse paper as it is the only piece I can find

Wed. 19.
'95

Dear Mother:

I must say that
We are dandies we had to wait
at N.Y. five hours for the nine
nine as the train that left at
9 45 only went to Elmira which
is not on the line to Chautauqua
I have had my canoe fixed
up and it will cost $4.00
My board at the Indiana 6.00 one week
and my allowance 4.00
14.00

and after this week I can live
for 1000 dollars a week as
my canoe will be paid for.
Chautauqua is as fine as ever
and I am having lots of fun
Hoping you are well
I remain your loving son

P.S. will you try and have the Evening Sun sent by Saturday next

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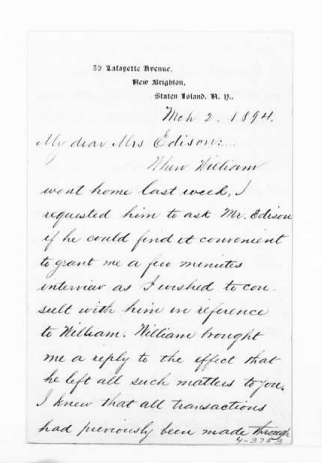

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Title
[FD003AAB], Letter from Trinity Preparatory School, John M Hawkins to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 2nd, 1894

Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Cornell University
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1894-03-02

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Education

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52 Lafayette Avenue.
New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y..

March 2. 1894.

My dear Mrs Edison:-

When William went home last week, I requested him to ask Mr. Edison if he could find it convenient to grant me a few minutes interview as I wished to consult with him in reference to William. William brought me a reply to the effect that he left all such matters to you. I knew that all transactions had previously been made through

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you, and it was by no means to ignore your authority or mediation that I made the suggestion, or that I wished to force my presence upon Mr. Edison — very far from it. It was simply to ask him to do what would be very easy for him but probably more difficult for you — to cooperate with me by addressing some words of reproof and caution to William, and to explain the difficulties in the way of preparing him for College according to Mr. Edsions' wishes. It is impossible for a teacher to effect any change for the better in a boy's moral character unless he

has the full sympathy and earnest support of the parents; and I wish William to understand that I have this. He has excellent qualities of mind and heart, but they are obscured by certain defects. He is careless about his person, his clothes, and in the preparation of his work in school, such as his writing, the preparation of his exercises, the recitation of his lessons. He is boisterous and rude, and this sometimes approaches disrespect. It is idle for him to say that he means nothing by it, and that he can not control his temper, for he must acknowledge that I treat

him with perfect courtesy and calmness, and that I never irritate him even when I reprove him. Furthermore he takes upon himself to find fault with the lessons I give him as if I did not know better than he of what he is capable, and what is necessary for him to learn. On these three points, I would be glad to have you urge him to amend, as I am constantly doing. They are the faults of a child, and he must repress them in order to cultivate dignity of character.

I understand that Mr. Edison desires Millicent to enter the

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Staten Island, N. Y..

classical College at Cornell, but he does not wish him to study Greek.

Now at Cornell, all the candidates whatever course they choose must be prepared in:—
English Grammar, Geography
Certain English Authors, Physiology,
Arithmetic, Plane Geometry, Elementary
Algebra and American History.
There are three principal courses, and in the preparation for these the following additional requirements are essential. The first is the regular course in the classical College and leads to the degree of Bachelor of arts;

the second is the School of Philosophy
and it confers the degree of
Bachelor of Philosophy; and the
third is that which leads
to the degree of Bachelor of letters
or of science. I will tabulate them.

Classical College;	additional requirements College of Philosophy,	School of Science.
Greek { Xenophon, Homer, Sight Prose	French	French
Latin { Virgil, Cæsar, Cicero, Lat. Prose	or	or
	German	German
	or	
	Higher Mathematics	Higher Mathematics
History { Greece, Rome.	History { Greece, Rome	or
Anc. Geog.		Latin - Cæsar
	Latin. Cæsar	

I think that the College of Philosophy is the best thing for William as it includes all the studies of the classical College except Greek - but, of course, that is for you to decide -

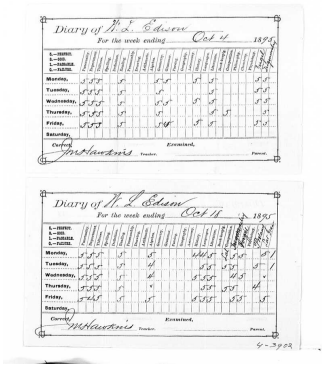
I am sorry to trouble you with all this, but I felt that I must lay the matter clearly before you. I am much

pleased to have Thomas back
again, he is working splendidly,
and he will soon have made
up what he has lost. I suggested
to him attendance on the
gymnasium I mentioned to
you but he does not seem to
like the idea.

I enclose a description of
your beautiful picture, which
I promised to you – I beg you
to excuse the delay –

With kindest regards to
you and to Mr. Edison,

I am faithfully your
J. M. Mawtnis.



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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1895-10-04

Type
Report

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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Diary of W. L. Edison

For the week ending Oct 4 1895

5.—PERFECT. 3.—GOOD. 1.—PASSABLE. 0.—FAILURE.

	Punctuality.	Deportment.	Tidiness.	Spelling.	Definition.	Reading.	Penmanship.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Grammar.	Parsing.	Geography.	Astronomy.	History.	Languages.	Literature.	Book-keep'g.	Composition.	Philosophy.	Chemistry.	Physiology.	Vocal Music.	Ingenuity.
Monday,	5	5	5			5					5	5				5		5						5	5
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Thursday,	5	5	5			5					5							5	5						5
Friday,	5	5	5			5					5	4				5		5						5	5
Saturday,																									

Correct, M Hawkins Teacher. Examined, Parent.

Diary of W. L. Edison

For the week ending Oct 18 1895

5.—PERFECT. 3.—GOOD. 1.—PASSABLE. 0.—FAILURE.

	Punctuality.	Deportment.	Tidiness.	Spelling.	Definition.	Reading.	Penmanship.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Grammar.	Parsing.	Geography.	Astronomy.	History.	Languages.	Literature.	Book-keep'g.	Composition.	Ingenuity.	Vocal Music.	Philosophy.	Physiology.	Piano.	Ear Music.
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Correct, M Hawkins Teacher. Examined, Parent.

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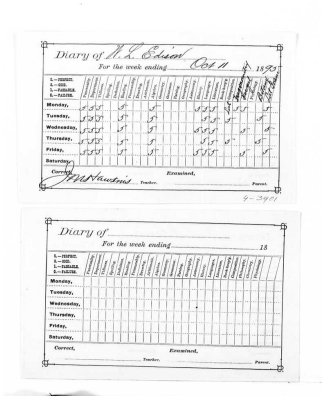

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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1895-10-11

Type
Report

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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Diary of W. L. Edison

For the week ending Oct 11 1895

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3. — GOOD.
1. — PASSABLE.
0. — FAILURE.

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Friday,	5	5	5			5				5						5	5	5				5			5
Saturday,																									

Correct, J. M. Hawtnis Teacher. Examined, Parent.

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For the week ending 18

5. — PERFECT.
3. — GOOD.
1. — PASSABLE.
0. — FAILURE.

	Punctuality.	Deportment.	Tidiness.	Spelling.	Definition.	Reading.	Penmanship.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Grammar.	Parsing.	Geography.	Astronomy.	History.	Languages.	Literature.	Book-keep'g.	Composition.	Philosophy.	Chemistry.	Physiology.		
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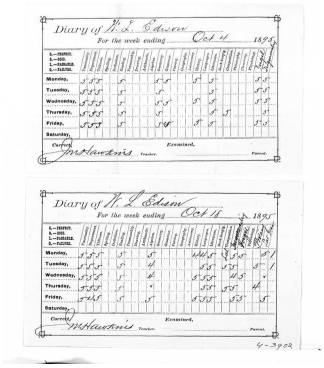
Correct, Examined,

Teacher. Parent.



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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1895-10-18

Type
Report

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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For the week ending Oct 4 1895

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Monday,	5	5	5			5					5	5				5		5						5	5
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Thursday,	5	5	5			5					5							5	5						5
Friday,	5	5	5			5					5	4				5		5						5	5
Saturday,																									

Correct, M Hawkins Teacher. Examined, Parent.

Diary of W. L. Edison

For the week ending Oct 18 1895

5.—PERFECT. 3.—GOOD. 1.—PASSABLE. 0.—FAILURE.

	Punctuality.	Deportment.	Tidiness.	Spelling.	Definition.	Reading.	Penmanship.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Grammar.	Parsing.	Geography.	Astronomy.	History.	Languages.	Literature.	Book-keep'g.	Composition.	Ingenuity.	Vocal Music.	Philosophy.	Physiology.	Piano.	Ear Music.
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Thursday,	5	5	5			5				x							5	5	5	5				4		
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Saturday,																										

Correct, M Hawkins Teacher. Examined, Parent.

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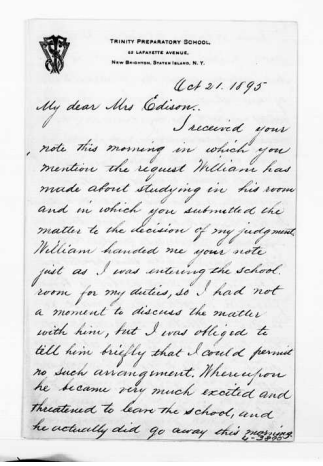
TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
32 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Oct 21. 1895

My dear Mrs Edison.

I received your note this morning in which you mention the request William has made about studying in his room and in which you submitted the matter to the decision of my judgment. William handed me your note just as I was entering the school room for my duties, so I had not a moment to discuss the matter with him, but I was obliged to tell him briefly that I could permit no such arrangement. Whereupon he became very much excited and threatened to leave the school, and he actually did go away this morning

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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1895-10-21

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Subject

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- Education

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TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
62 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Oct 21. 1895

My dear Mrs Edison.

I received your note this morning in which you mention the request William has made about studying in his room and in which you submitted the matter to the decision of my judgment. William handed me your note just as I was entering the school room for my duties, so I had not a moment to discuss the matter with him, but I was obliged to tell him briefly that I could permit no such arrangement. Whereupon he became very much excited and threatened to leave the school, and he actually did go away this morning.

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I have always granted William such privileges as accord with his welfare and the prosecution of his studies, but when he asks what would in my opinion be highly disadvantageous for him I can only firmly refuse, nor can I I yield to any request whatever accompanied on his part by a threat. I feel assured that I have the sympathy of yourself and Mr. Edison when I take this position. I believe that when a boy is being prepared for college, he should be under the constant supervision of his teacher who is thus able to direct his work, give him proper explanation and advice, and see that he attends properly to his duties. My experience has so firmly persuaded

me of this, that it has become one of the principles which I have laid down for my own guidance. Boys are not naturally fond of supervision, but I think that the very best boys derive advantage from it. The benefits which he is supposed to receive from me flow directly from it. I know that William is fond of freedom in this respect, but I fear that he has not arrived at the point where self-control would enable him to use freedom properly. He complains of inability to fix his attention on his studies in the class-room where recitations are being conducted, but I have not perceived so far that he has had much difficulty in this; besides a comparatively small portion of the

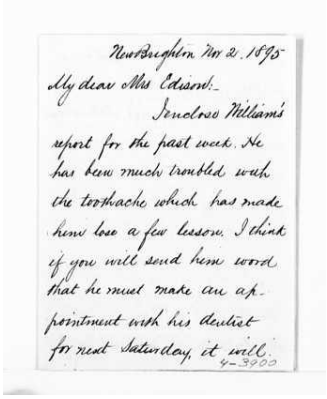
school session is taken up in 4
studying; the principal part of
such work is done in the study-
hour after 5 o'clock P. M. and in
the evening after dinner. There are
other considerations:- the school
room is spacious and well-ventilated
and is a much better place for him
to sit than his bed-room which is
comparatively small. I shall not-
dwell on William's character and
disposition on which I spoke at-
some length at our last interview.
The consideration of this would form
a strong argument in his case as to
what he would do if he were allowed
to pursue his studies alone as he
proposed to do at Chatauqua.

I thank you sincerely for the tone
and purport of your letter; I have not
doubted for a moment that I 5
would have your and Mr. Edison's
support, though I have written
at length in order to lay before
you my motives in declining to
accede to this request. I asked
William if he had seen your
letter and he told me that he
had, but he certainly could not
have comprehended it, or he would
not have taken such hasty and
violent action in leaving my house
without permission or even bidding
us good-bye. Indeed I may mention
to you, in confidence, that William
has weakly allowed himself to be
led into assuming this attitude,
by another pupil who made the
same request last week and who is
himself a conspicuous instance of having

had the privilege of studying alone to his own detriment. I have been much pleased with the manner in which William has studied so far this year. I enclose his report for the last two weeks - It was my intention to send you detailed reports of his progress. I gave him his diary when he went home on Saturday evening but he did not get it signed. Although I am willing to overlook William's impulsive action, but I am deeply grieved that he should show so little confidence in me as to think that I did not always act in his interests and not in my own. With the kindest regards to you and to Mr. Edison,

Faithfully yours

J. M. Hawkins. 4-3890



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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Harper's Weekly
- Munsey's Magazine
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie

Date
1895-11-02

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Health and medicine

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New Brighton Nov 2. 1895

My dear Mrs Edison:-

Inclosed Milliam's report for the past week. He has been much troubled with the toothache which has made him lose a few lesson. I think if you will send him word that he must make an appointment with his dentist for next Saturday, it will.

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prevent such interruptions in the future. He does not like to give up his Saturdays to any thing but amusement, and this has prevented him from going before, while I do not like to have him away upon a school-day.

There is another matter:- On the last Christmas holidays the boys made me as usual

a little present, and entrusted to Williams the purchase of it. Uncertain what to get, they finally decided on a subscription to Harper's magazine and to Munsey's. It is now November, the eleventh month and the magazines have not been sent to me. Williams tells me that the order was sent

to Harper Bros and to 4
Munseys by the book-keeper
at the Laboratory and he has
promised to investigate the
reason why the books have
never been sent. I would not
mention the matter except-
on Willam's own account
for he is notably careless about
such matters. I congratulate
you on Thomas's safe return.
Please to give my love to him.
With kindest regards to you & Mr Edison
sincerely yours J. H. Hawkins

Diary of W. L. Edson

For the week ending Nov 1 1895

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Correct J. H. Hawkins Teacher. Examined, Parent.

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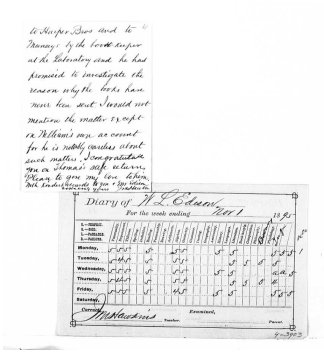

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Title
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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1895-11-01

Type
Report

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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Correct J. H. Hawkins Teacher. Examined, Parent.

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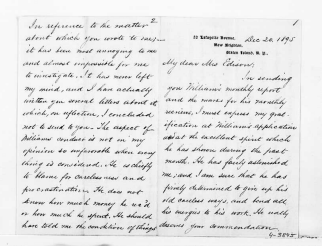

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Title
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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1895-12-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Education
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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52 Lafayette Avenue,
New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.,

Dec 20, 1895

My dear Mrs Edison:

In sending you Williams's monthly report and the marks for his monthly reviews, I must express my gratification at Williams's application and at the excellent spirit which he has shown during the past month. He has fairly astonished me; and I am sure that he has firmly determined to give up his old careless ways, and bend all his energies to his work. He really deserves your commendation.

In reference to the matter about which you wrote to me;— it has been most annoying to me and almost impossible for me to investigate. It has never left my mind, and I have actually written you several letters about it which, on reflection, I concluded not to send to you. The aspect of Williams conduct is not in my opinion so unfavorable when every thing is considered. He is chiefly to blame for carelessness and procrastination. He does not know how much money he rec'd or how much he spent. He should have told me the condition of things

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at first, and then the subject would have been dropped forever, but he kept me continually in expectation of receiving the periodicals, by saying over and over again that the subscriptions had been sent from the laboratory, and that the delay was unaccountable. I wrote to you on his account rather than on my own, for I feared that he was placing himself in a false position. I acquit him of all intentional wrong, and I think that the affair will have a salutary effect in showing the evil results of carelessness.

Mrs Hawkins and I wish a Merry Christmas to you, Mr Edison and Thomas. I am happy to inform you that my health is becoming thoroughly established, so that I can work without excessive fatigue.

Faithfully yours
John M Hawkins.

Diary of W. L. Edison

For the week ending Dec 20 1895

0.—PERFECT. 3.—GOOD. 1.—PASSABLE. 0.—FAILURE.

	Punctuality.	Department.	Tidiness.	Use of Laboratory.	Reading.	Writing.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Grammar.	Parsing.	Geography.	Astronomy.	History.	Languages.	Literature.	Book-keeping.	Composition.	Orthography.	Chemistry.	Physiology.	Remarks.	%
Monday,	3	3	3	3	3	3			3	3					3	3	3		History					95
Tuesday,	3	3	3	3	3	3			3	3						3	3		Trigonometry					100
Wednesday,	3	3	3	3	3				3	3					3	3	3		Lat Exam.					92
Thursday,	3	3	3	3	3	3			3	3						3	3		Geometry					100
Friday,	3	3	3	3	3	3			3	3					3	3	3		French					91 1/3
Saturday,																			Botany					95 2/3
																			Literature					100
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Correct, M Hawkins Teacher.

Examined, Parent.

William

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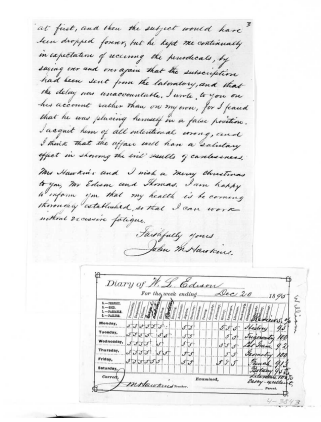

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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
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Type
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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Faithfully yours
John M Hawkins.

Diary of W. L. Edison

For the week ending Dec 20 1895

0.—PERFECT. 3.—GOOD. 1.—PASSABLE. 0.—FAILURE.

	Punctuality.	Department.	Tidiness.	Use of Laboratory.	Reading.	Writing.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Grammar.	Parsing.	Geography.	Astronomy.	History.	Languages.	Literature.	Book-keeping.	Composition.	Orthography.	Chemistry.	Physiology.	Remarks.	%
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Correct, M Hawkins Teacher.

Examined, Parent.

William

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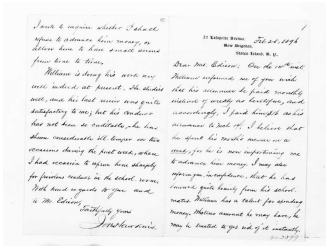

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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1896-02-25

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education

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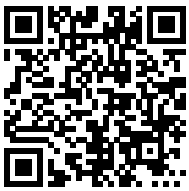

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52 Lafayette Avenue,
New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.,

Feb 25, 1896

Dear Mrs. Edison: On the 14th inst. Williams informed me of your wish that his allowance be paid monthly instead of weekly as heretofore, and accordingly, I paid him $16 as his allowance to Mch 14. I believe that he spent his month's income in a week, for he is now importuning me to advance him money. I may also inform you, in confidence, that he has removed quite keenly from his school-mates. Williams has a talent for spending money. Whatever amount he may have, he may be trusted to get rid of it instantly.

I write to inquire whether I shall refuse to advance him money, or allow him to have small sums from time to time.

Williams is doing his work very well indeed at present. He studies well, and his last review was quite satisfactory to me; but his conduct has not been so creditable,—he has shown considerable ill-temper on two occasions during the past week, when I had occasion to reprove him sharply for frivolous conduct in the school-room.

With kind regards to you and to Mr. Edison,

Faithfully yours

J. McKeen Davis

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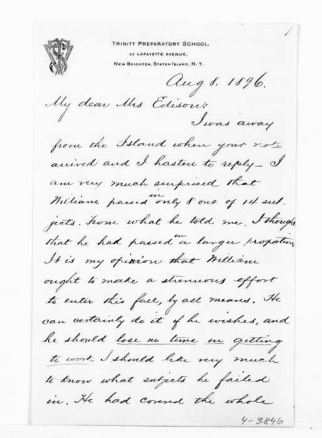

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Title
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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1896-08-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
57 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug 8. 1896.

My dear Mrs Edison:

I was away from the Island when your note arrived and I hasten to reply— I am very much surprised that Millicent passed in only 8 out of 14 subjects. From what he told me, I thought that he had passed in a larger proportion. It is my opinion that Millicent ought to make a strenuous effort to enter this fall, by all means. He can certainly do it if he wishes, and he should lose no time in getting to work. I should like very much to know what subjects he failed in. He had covered the whole

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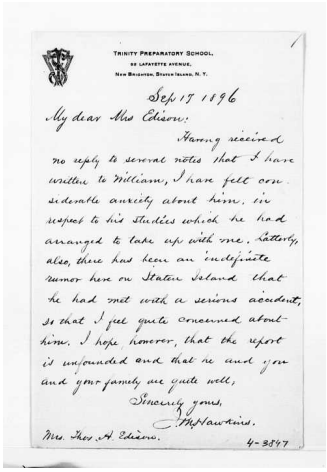
ground in preparation and received everything, but as you are aware, the examination is quite an ordeal for any one to go through. I trust that William will not put off getting to work - he is very much inclined to procrastination when there is any amusement in view. I trust that you and Mr Edison and the children are well. Please to give my love to Thomas and William.

Faithfully yours

J. M Hawkins.


Trinity Preparatory School.
Sept 17 1896
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Having received
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rumor here on Staten Island that
he had met with a serious accident;
so that I feel quite concerned about
him. I hope however, that the report
is unfounded and that he and you
and your family are quite well,
Sincerely yours,
J.M. Hawkins.
Mrs. Thos. A. Edison.
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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, William Leslie

Date
1896-09-17

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education
- Health and safety

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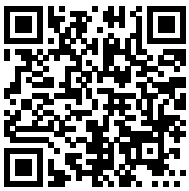

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52 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Sept 17 1896

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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Hawkins.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison.

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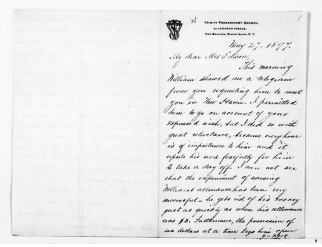

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Author

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Edison, William Leslie

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education

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TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
63 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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May 27. 1897.

My dear Mrs Edison,

This morning William showed me a telegram from you requesting him to meet you in New Haven. I permitted him to go on account of your expressed wish, but I did so with great reluctance, because every hour is of importance to him and it upsets his work fearfully for him to take a day off. I can not see that the experiment of raising Willie's allowance has been very successful – he gets rid of his money just as quickly as when his allowance was $3. Furthermore, the possession of ten dollars at a time lays him open

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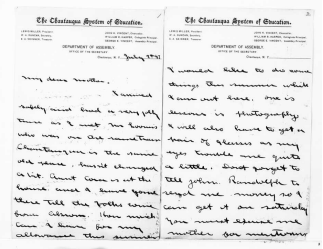
to temptations that he would not think of, if he had a smaller sum. I say this confidentially, for I imagine that it would vex William if he thought that I said anything of the kind to you. William is doing very well in his studies – he is now principally engaged in rowing. I think that he will be well prepared by the time of examination if he sticks to his work. May I ask the favor of a remittance of the whole or a part of the balance of my bill by the first of the month? I am sorry to trouble you but I have heavy obligations falling due shortly.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully Yours,

John. M Hawkins.

Mrs. Thomas A Edison.



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Chautauqua, N. Y. July 9th 97

my dear mother.

I arrived safely and had a very jolly time as I met Mr Loomis who was on the same train. Chautauqua is the same old place, hasn't changed a bit. Aunt Cora is at the house and I sure found there till the folks come from Athens. How much can I draw for my allowance this summer

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I would like to do some things this summer while I am out here. One is lessons in photography. I will also have to get a pair of glasses as my eyes trouble me quite a little. Don't forget to tell John Randolph to send me money so I can get it on saturday. You must excuse me mother for mentioning

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There things but it is very nice to have a little money with you and a promise whatever you give me to spend it in a way it will do me good and not to spend it recklessly

Give my love to all.

Your loving son

Will.

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